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SUBJECT: STOBBE INTERVIEW WITH TAGESPIEGEL MAY 15

REF: USBERLIN 1306

1. SUMMARY: IN HIS FIRST FORMAL INTERVIEW AS GOVERNING  
MAYOR, PRINTED IN MAY 15 TAGESPIEGEL, DIETRICH STOBBE WAS  
CAUTIOUS AND ANALYTICAL ON OSTPOLITIK'S ROLE IN BERLIN'S  
FUTURE; SAID HE WOULDN'T LIKE A SENAT MEMBER TO BE BERLIN  
SPD CHAIRMAN; AND EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT  
BERLIN/FRG ECONOMY MEASURES. END SUMMARY.

2. STOBBE SAID "THE POLITICAL QUESTION" (OF OSTPOLITIK) IS  
WHETHER THE ASSUMPTIONS EXISTING AT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE  
POLITICS OF DETENT STILL APPLY; THAT IS, WHETHER THE  
SOVIET UNION, GDR, AND EASTERN EUROPE ARE REALLY READY TO  
ACCEPT THE EXISTENCE OF FREE BERLIN -- EVEN POLITICALLY,  
IF THESE ASSUMPTIONS ARE VALID, STOBBE ASSERTED, HE  
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WOULD CARRY FORWARD EFFORTS FOR A "PARTIAL EXCHANGE OF  
INTERESTS" BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WITHIN THE "POSSIBLE  
AND INDEED VERY LIMITED AREAS" OPEN FOR THEM. AT  
SAME TIME, HE NOTED THAT "FUNDAMENTAL FACTS MUST BE  
ACCEPTED: THAT THE ALLIES ARE HERE IN BERLIN AND  
THAT THERE ARE TIES TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WHICH IN  
THEIR MEASURE AND SUBSTANCE ARE CLEARLY DESCRIBED." IT

MUST ALSO BE CLEAR, STOBBE ADDED, THAT IN THE ALLIED  
LEGAL CONCEPTION WEST BERLIN IS NOT A LAND OF THE FRG,  
BUT ONLY TO THE DEGREE TO WHICH IT HAS NOT BEEN A LAND  
IN THE PAST. IT IS TYPICAL, HE REMARKED, THAT  
IN CITATIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT THESE WORDS  
UNDERSCORING THE CONTINUITY OF THE ALLIED LEGAL CONCEPTION  
ARE AGAIN AND AGAIN LEFT OUT. THE QA HAS NO CONSTITUTIVE  
(KONSTITUTIVE), BUT ONLY DESCRIPTIVE MEANING, AND  
MAKES POSSIBLE SOME PRACITCAL SETTLEMENTS AGAINST THE  
BACKGROUND OF OPPOSING LEGAL POSITIONS. FROM  
THIS BEGINNING MUCH CAN STILL BE DONE TO BENEFIT PEOPLE.

3. STOBBE REAFFIRMED IN INTERVIEW THAT HE WOULD NOT BE  
CANDIDATE FOR BERLIN SPD CHAIRMANSHIP AT JUNE 4 PARTY  
CONGRESS BECAUSE HE NEEDS TO DEVOTE ALL OF HIS TIME TO  
MAYORAL MATTERS. HE DECLINED TO SAY WHOM HE FAVORS FOR  
SPD POST, BUT COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD NOT LIKE FOR  
A MEMBER OF THE SENAT TO TAKE IT.PARTY  
CONGRESS WOULD MAKE DECISION.

4. STOBBE PROFESSED TO BE A LITTLE IRRITATED BY DISCUSSIONS  
IN FRG PROCEEDING FROM THE IDEAS THAT THE STATE SHOULD  
SAVE AND THE (PRIVATE) ECONOMY SHOULD INVEST. HE SAID  
HE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER SUCH A POLICY WOULD WORK IN  
GENERAL IN A STUBBORN RECESSION AS IS NOW THE CASE; HE  
ADDED THAT IN HIS VIEW THESE IDEAS ARE CONTRADICTORY  
AND MUST BE BROUGHT INTO HARMONY. HE STRESSED THAT HE  
WAS NOT ANNOUNCING CHANGES IN SAVINGS PROPOSALS, BUT  
MERELY THAT ISSUE WOULD BE CONSIDERED FURTHER.  
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